

Obituary

ROBERT LARGEN

Robert Largen died of a heart attack at his home Yew Tree Cottage, Wiston Lane, Wiston, Steyning, Sussex. He was born on the 7th December 1945 and died the 6th August 1982, and so was only 36 years of age at the time of his death.

Robert was a cheerful and unassuming companion, who undertook his collecting in an unhurried manner and never lost patience with the hunt, whether it be hour after hour of searching for larvae at Portland or long hours of night sweeping on the Surrey heaths. A keen all round naturalist, he seemed to have the perfect occupation with the countryside and its wildlife around him, for his work was that of a gamekeeper on Wiston Estate. Although an accomplished taxidermist as his collection of mounted birds show, perhaps his greatest achievement was the superb two tier 34 drawer mahogany insect cabinet, built entirely himself and completed only shortly before his death. His collection of British lepidoptera will be retained as a fitting memorial to him at the cottage where he lived, and it was from it that we exhibited at the A.E.S. and B.E.N.H.S. Exhibitions in October 1982, a drawer containing some of his more interesting specimens.

To all who had the pleasure of his company, Robert will be greatly missed and, speaking for ourselves, we shall find it hard to enjoy moth hunting as much without him. Our sympathy goes out to his widow Daphne, and to his many friends.

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Current Literature

Benjamin Wilkes the British Aurelian: Twelve New Designs of English Butterflies and Directions for making a Collection with an Essay by R. S. Wilkinson. Folio (31cm. x 34cm.), 11pp. on 6 leaves, 14 facsimile plates in card folder. E. W. Classey Ltd., Park Road, Faringdon, Oxon SN7 7DR. 1982. Price £20 post free.

We have much pleasure in calling attention to *Classica Entomologica* No. 3, the most recent publication to be issued by the firm of E. W. Classey, which fully sustains the reputation of the four others so far published in this series, all of which have been reviewed in this journal (see *Ent. Rec.*, 82: 64, 91: 223, 332, 93: 80). *Classica Entomologica*, which was started in 1969, consists of a series of facsimile reprints of rare entomological items with biblio-